

**CLAIMS**

1. The use of ascorbic acid or of a physiologically acceptable salt thereof for the preparation of a formulation for the prevention and treatment of fungal infections, wherein said formulation is administered after completion of the standard treatment against bacterial, fungal or protozoarian infections.
2. The use according to claim 1, wherein said formulation is administered after completion of a standard treatment with one or more antimicrobial agents.
3. The use according to any of the preceding claims, wherein said antimicrobial agents are selected from the classes of antibacteric/antibiotics, antitrichomonas, and/or antifungal agents.
4. The use according to any of the preceding claims, wherein said antimicrobial agents are selected from miconazole and metronidazole.
5. The use according to any of the preceding claims, wherein said fungal infections are vaginal fungal infections.
6. The use according to any of the preceding claims, wherein said formulation has a content in ascorbic acid from 0.1 to 25%, with respect to the total weight of the formulation.
7. The use according to claim 6, wherein said formulation has a content in acid ascorbic from 0.5 to 15%, preferably from 1.0 to 10%, with respect to the total weight of the formulation

8. The use according to any of the preceding claims, wherein said fungal infection is a recurrence.
9. The use according to any of the preceding claims, wherein said fungal infection is a superinfection.
10. The use according to any of the preceding claims, wherein said fungal infections are caused by *Candida albicans*.
11. The use according to any of the preceding claims, wherein said fungal infection are caused by *Dermatophytes*.
12. The use according to any of the preceding claims, wherein said formulation is for topical application.
13. The use according to any of the preceding claims, wherein ascorbic acid is the only active ingredient contained in the formulation.
14. The use according to any of the preceding claims, wherein said formulation includes customary excipients and or adjuvants.
15. The use according to any of the preceding claims, wherein ascorbic acid is contained in the formulation in unitary dosages suitable for its application from 10 to 500 mg/day.
16. The use according to any of the preceding claims, wherein said formulation is in a form suitable for application to external genitals, scalp, intertriginous areas, or for insertion into the vagina, or for mouthwashes.
17. The use according to any of the preceding claims, wherein said formulation includes: cream, ointment, gel, lotion or foam for either skin or vaginal

application; moreover tablets, pessaries, capsules for vaginal application; possible forms for delayed melting, intended to prolonged release of active principle; collutorium for mouthwashes.